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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

Change the paragraph extending from page 3, line 32 to page 4, line 1 as follows:

The present inventors, after conducting extensive studies to solve the above-mentioned problems, thought that the electrophoresis using a small-sized gel, which is generally used in electrophoresis of proteins, could be appropriately used to perform